

Mayor's Message

October 2011

The City Council conducts formal meetings at least twice a month on Tuesday nights. During the last few months, the Katzs, who are residents of the City, have faithfully attended. I asked if they were coming to meet with someone specifically or to resolve an issue or concern. I was delighted to hear them say that they were just interested in their City and wanted to learn more about how things worked. They have taken the opportunity to ask questions of the various staff members and Council Members who are there. They told me how interesting it is to learn about things happening around them.

In writing my message today, I want to invite you to follow their example to **participate**. There are a wide variety of opportunities and I wanted to share a few ideas with you in this article.

As you may be aware, there are two City Council district elections in process. You can **participate** by learning about the candidates if you live in District 1 or 5 and then taking the time to vote. When you go to the polls on **November 8th**, you can show support for those who are working to represent you. Since we work for you, we appreciate your vote of confidence in local elections.

The Council article that is included here mentions the resident survey you can take to **participate** in the strategic planning of the City. It can be found on the City website at www.murray.utah.gov and will only take a few minutes of your time. Your ideas and insights are an important part of this process. The survey will be available until October 19th.

I hope you will **participate** with patience as work is being done to wrap up road projects for the season. We are at the mercy of soil conditions, weather, other entities, contractors and sometimes even sprinklers, to determine how fast and far we get in completing projects. Some will still need finishing touches in the spring. Although we do our best to complete them on time and within budget, there are sometimes circumstances that change our direction. Your awareness of hazards that may be out there helps projects be successful.

This is a good time of year to watch your storm drains and gutters as leaves fall. If you can clean out any catch basins close to your home, you will reduce the potential for flooding. Our crews stay busy with this kind of maintenance right now and your help on your own street would be terrific.

Finally, you help our City whenever you shop here. Your support of our local businesses helps us have the resources we need to do more work for you. The owners appreciate your patronage so they can keep their doors open to serve you, too.

As we look forward to the change of seasons, I hope we will enjoy the beauty that surrounds us. Please consider my challenge to find ways to **participate** in making our City a better place.